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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
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FRANCIS S. NAKAYAMA ET AL.)
) Group Art Unit: 1711
Composites Comprising Plant Material)
From *Parthenium* spp. and Plastic)
)
Serial No. 09/828,634)
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Filed April 5, 2001)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable
The Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Kindly add new claim 19.

-- (New) 19. The composite of claim 1, wherein the composite exhibits a termite
resistance rating of high or heavy termite mortality as determined by ASTM standard test
D-3345. --

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